

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A method and system of finding out about and downloading software updates  
to a terminal, in which the terminal sends a standardized subscribe request for  
software updates, and a server responds by sending an initial notify message back to  
the sending terminal only, the initial notify message having content defined by an  
event package. This system and method utilize an application layer protocol called  
Session Initiation Protocol, and the event package requires information as to software  
name, update server address, update retrieval protocol, and latest version. The  
10 terminal checks if it has the available software version, and if not then the terminal  
automatically downloads the update, or the user is given a choice whether to  
download and obtain the available software version. The terminal and other terminals  
subsequently receive a further type of notify message having content again defined by  
the event package, describing at least one newly available update.

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